(ग) राष्ट्रीय दृष्टिहीनता नियंत्रण कार्यक्रम का स्वयंसेवी संस्थाओं को मिलने वाली विदेशी सहायता से कोई संबंध नहीं है ।

(घ) उत्तर प्रदेश शासन द्वारा खुर्जा नेत्र शिविर में घटी दुर्घटना की विभागीय तथा न्यायिक दोनों जांचों से यह पता नहीं चलता है कि डा० सहाय ने अधिक विदेशी अनुदान प्राप्त करने के लिए अधिक संख्या में आपरेशन किए थे।

Close circuit colour T.V. sets at railway stations

1470. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to instal Close-Circuit Colour T.V. sets at all railway stations in the country;

(b) what are the places where the Close-Circuit Colour T.V. sets have been supplied and the criteria of selecting stations for the same; and

(c) by when railway stations in Maharashtra are likely to have this facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Persons killed in road accidents

1471. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) The number of persons killed in road accidents during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the total amount of compensation paid for, in such cases of accidents; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce any measures to decrease the road accidents in view of the increasing road traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a)

Year	No. of persons killed in road accidents
1983	31874
1984	35257
1985	37036 (Provisional Data)

(b) Compensation in each case is decided by the Motor Accident Claim Tribunals set up by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Information about total compensation awarded by these tribunals for accidents during the years 1983 to 1985 is not available in one place. As for the Solatium Claims in respect of hit-and-run motor accidents the Solatium paid by Settlement Commissioners in the State/UTs has been:—

Rs. in lakhs

1983-84	3 97
1984-85	9.30
1985-86	15 44

(c) The steps taken on a continuing basis to reduce accidents are tightening of rules and regulations for issue of driving licences, strict medical tests, vehicle certification tests, enforcement of safe axle weights, geometric inter-section improvements.

Media of instruction in Navodaya schools in Tamil Nadu

1472. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would ensure that Tamil and English would be the media of instruction in Navodaya Vidyalayas to be located in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the steps Government have taken not to indirectly impose Hindi in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) whether Government propose to legalise by means of a constitutional amendment the assurance given by the Former Prime Minister Jawararlal Nehru regarding Hindi in non-Hindi speaking regions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) The scheme for setting up Navodaya Vidyalayas envisages that most of the students admitted would have been taught prior to their admission to such Vidyalayas through the medium of the mother tongue or the regional language. Instruction will therefore be provided through the same medium upto class VII or VIII, during which time intensive teaching of Hindi/English, both as language subjects and co-media, will be undertaken. Thereafter, the common medium would be Hindi/English in all Navodaya Vidyalayas. An important feature of the Scheme is the migration of a given percentage of students from one Navodaya Vidyalaya to another located in a different language area, after pupils complete class VIII. This feature requires the adoption of common media throughout the country in the Navodaya Vidyalaya system.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

Ancient monuments under the control of ASI

1473. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the steps Government propose to take to present the grabbing of ancient mounments which are under the control of Archaeological Survey of India, by unscrupulous persons and bodies in different parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): Besides taking recourse to the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971, to present grabbing of ancient monuments under its control, the Archaeological Survey of India has taken steps for:—

(i) demarcating and fencing the protected area of ancient monuments wherever required;

(ii) augmenting the strength of staff posted at the ancient monuments and ensuring effecting watch & ward;

(iii) udertaking of periodic inspection of monuments; and

(iv) enlisting the help of local administration.

States to share railway projects financially

1474. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that railways have asked the State Governments to share the burden of expenditure in execution of railway projects; and

(b) if so, the names of the States which have responded favourably to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) It has been suggested to State Governments asking for provision of Mass Rapid Transit System in their cities to agree to a "Consortium approach" for funding of such projects.

(b) Maharashtra State Government has agreed to bear 67 per cent of the cost in case of Mankhurd-Belapur Line.

Madras Rapid Transit System Project

1475. SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway have asked the Tamil Nadu Government to share the expenditure of MRTS Project in Madras; and